

worship of the Church, when entered upon with seriousness, and a proper sense of the presence of the Deity. My Brethren can we regret, then, that the most prominent part of the observance of the Sabbath, consists in attending upon, and endeavouring to profit by this worship? And can we wonder, that if we absent ourselves from it through insufficient causes, that we subject ourselves to censure? The honour of being permitted to appear before God is great, and his condescension is wonderful in being willing to hear our addresses. Let us then esteem the blessing as we ought, and every one confess with Holy David, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord."

*To Conclude.*—You have heard my friends how the Sabbath may be violated, and some of the methods by which it may be observed. I will now ask you, if it be not a more likely way of affording present satisfaction, to make the "Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, and honorable;" rather than by polluting it, in a neglect of its observances? Surely you must answer in the affirmative. For by the aid of unenlightened reason it can be known, that no enjoyment which is attended with a consciousness of guilt, is comparable to that pure and hallowed satisfaction, which arises from the performance of a duty which we know to be acceptable to God. But unhappily for us, we do not always act according to the dictates of reason; but are led into sin, by the violence of our passions, when perfectly aware at the time of the folly of our conduct. Let us then look to God for his Grace, in enabling us to choose aright. And when that choice has once been made, let us prize every Sabbath as if it were our last. There remains hereafter an eternal "rest (or Sabbath) for the people of God." And the former is but a type and a preparation for the latter. If the one be neglected and despised, how can it be expected, that the other should be offered for our acceptance; or if even within our reach, how could it be enjoyed? "Let us therefore (my Brethren in the words of the apostle,) fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short